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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATIC

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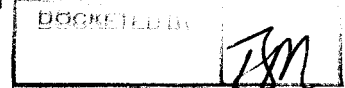
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER  
COOPERATIVE, INC. TO DETERMINE THE  
FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY FOR  
RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST  
AND REASONABLE RETURN THEREON  
AND TO APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO  
DEVELOP SUCH RETURN.

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**STAFF'S REPLY TO AEPCO'S RESPONSE  
TO STAFF'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

On July 5, 2012, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("AEPCO" or "Cooperative") filed its application for a determination by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") of the fair value of its property for ratemaking purposes, to fix a just and reasonable return thereon and to approve rates designed to develop such return.

On or about August 10, 2012, Commission Staff issued its Letter of Sufficiency.

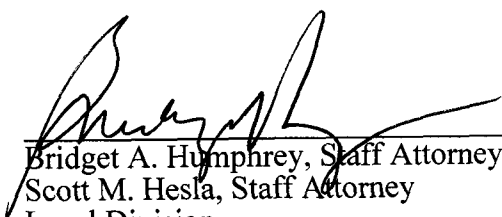
On August 24, 2012, Staff proposed its schedule for the filing of testimony and exhibits in this matter. On August 28, 2012, AEPCO filed its Response to Staff's proposed schedule indicating that it preferred separate but consecutive hearings for the AEPCO and Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc. ("SWTC") rate cases as opposed to the consolidation of hearings.

Staff's intention in seeking consolidation was primarily to eliminate unnecessary redundancy in the testimony and appearance of witnesses which would be both time and cost effective for the parties as well as the Hearing Division. Until the issues are narrowed, it is unknown how that can be best accomplished, be it by conducting the hearings consecutively or holding the hearing in one case in the mornings and in the other in the afternoons. Staff anticipates that it will recommend that both cases be set for hearing on the same dates, with details as to when each matter will be heard to be determined at a later date.

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1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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